



Match Report

Opponent: Potomac Athletic Club

Date: 8 Sep 06

First Match: Navy 16 PAC 26

Navy Rugby celebrated a yearly tradition Friday September 8, by kicking off First Class Parent's Weekend with a match against PAC. Before the game began, Navy fans gathered to watch as each senior rugger was introduced with his parents. The match kicked off at 7:45 p.m. under the lights on Farragut Field. This was the Midshipmen's first full 80 minute game since the start of the season, and they came out hard charging under the leadership of senior captain Blake Lindsay. The spirit of Firstie Parent's Weekend was exceptionally high but unfortunately for the Midshipmen, they could not keep up the pressure and PAC was able to score two tries in the first half, including one conversion. Navy was able to drive down the field by winning several of PAC's lineout's as well as their own. The Midshipmen drove all the way to the 5-meter line before PAC was able to catch Navy's ball, midair, in a lateral out to the backs. PAC drove down to the opposite 40-meter before Navy could stop the drive.

Navy was able to convert on two of PAC's penalties thanks to two

solid kick's scored by Chase Hobby. Navy was fighting not just against PAC but also against careless penalties. The gold clad Midshipmen were penalized for repeated offside infringements and knock-ons. Several penalties were called on some of Navy's seniors who were first time players. In the spirit of the event, every First Class midshipman was given time on the pitch despite their skill or experience level. The halftime score was 12-6.



Midn 1/C Darby & supporters gather prior to kick-off of the Firstie Parent's Weekend Rugby Match on Friday night.

Early on in the second half, PAC scored another try and conversion. Navy quickly rebounded as Junior Hooker Dave Allen scored a try and then a conversion kick. A few minutes later, a PAC offside penalty lead to a Navy penalty kick. PAC ended the game however with another try and conversion, bringing the final score to 26-16 PAC.

Despite the loss, Navy fans cheered on the courageous Midshipmen as they came off the field. After a week of serious rain and another week of military training engagements, Navy Rugby vowed to hit the practice field hard in the coming weeks to prepare for the upcoming match against IUP on Saturday, September 16.